



THE Nutshell

Burr Oak Woods
Conservation
Nature
Center

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Photography Contest Winners!



Photo by Rebecca Friend-Jimenez
Ages 18 & Up



Photo by Amy Chapin
Ages 11 - 17



Photo by Justin Kelley
Ages 7 - 10

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BURR OAK WOODS CONSERVATION NATURE CENTER
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
401 NW PARK ROAD - BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64015



BURR OAK WOODS
CONSERVATION NATURE
CENTER is located one
mile north of I-70 on
Hwy 7, one mile west on
Park Road. The Nature
Center is open Monday
through Saturday 8
a.m. to 5 p.m. and
NOON to 5 p.m. on
Sundays. AREA HOURS:
The area and trails are
open 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. No
pets allowed. No
Admission charged. Gift
Shop closes at 4:30 p.m.

3rd Place Ages: 18 & up



Photo by Rebecca Friend-Jimenez

BURR OAK WOODS NUTS & BOLTS

Welcome Stephanie!

Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center has a new Naturalist. Stephanie Acers brings extensive interpretive experience and we are happy to have her on board! Take the time to introduce yourself to Stephanie!

Holiday Hours

Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center will be closed at NOON on Christmas eve, and New Year's eve, so that our staff may spend some time with their families. The Nature Center and Area will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Photo Contest

This year's contest was a huge success! Due to the number of photographs submitted, only a few are displayed in this edition of the Nutshell. Thank you to everyone who participated!

...A big thank you!

To the volunteers at Burr Oak Woods! We are extremely grateful for all of your assistance and input on making the programs and special events spectacular!

Season's Greetings

The staff at Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center wish you and your family a Happy Holiday!

Area hours change to 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

MANAGED HUNT

Burr Oak Woods will be hosting three managed hunts. During all hunts, the trails, picnic areas and open areas are closed. The Nature Center will be open for regular hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.). All center visitors must park their cars in the Nature Center parking lot.

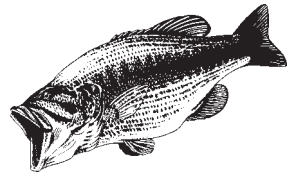
Hunt 1: November 11, 12, & 13

Hunt 2: December 2, 3, & 4

Hunt 3: December 9, 10, & 11

Fish, Film, and Feedings

Join us for free nature films and wildlife feedings. Films are shown Wednesday and Sunday at 3:30 P.M. The fish, turtles, and amphibians are fed Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at 3 P.M. The snakes are fed every other Friday at 3:30 P.M.



3rd Place Ages: 7 - 10



Photo by Kate McFerrer

GIFT SHOP NEWS!

When you stop by for your calendars this year, take a moment to fill some holiday wish lists. Whether you have a birder, hunter, hiker, or any nature lover on your list, our gift shop has something for you.

The Gift Shop is open 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and NOON to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Don't forget that you receive a 15% discount by using your heritage card!

LEARN MORE ABOUT BURR OAK WOODS BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AT:
WWW.BURROAKWOODS.ORG

How to register for a program: Call Burr Oak Woods Nature Center on or after November 1 to register. (Phone 228-3766 V/TDD). The Programs are FREE of charge. If you have to cancel, please call as soon as possible so someone on the waiting list can attend. As a courtesy to the other participants, please arrive early for your program. Late arrivals will miss the program.

November Events

Adults Only: The Harvest Moon: Nature’s Feast

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, AT 6:30 P.M. (ADULTS 21 AND UP)
An evening by the fire at the Harvest Moon Café is the perfect time to enjoy the warmth of nature’s ending harvest. Please join us for a special evening of wild edibles as we welcome back Chef Frances Mathews and associates. This incredible feast will satisfy the heartiest appetite and yet leave you with a hunger for discovering spring’s new bounty. Registration Required.

Family Hike: Bethany Falls Scavenger Hunt

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, AT 1:00 P.M. (ADULTS 21 & UP)
Bundle up and strap on your hiking boots. We are going to explore some of the hidden mysteries of the Bethany Falls Trail.

Conservation Kid’s Club: Sens-a-tional Mystery Hike



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 6:30 P.M. (AGES 7 - 10)
Join the Kid’s Club as we explore the woods after dark. We will use four of our senses to discover the world around us. Which sense do you think we will leave behind? All children ages 7-10 are welcome to join in on the fun. Dress for the weather. Registration required.

Little Acorns: Legends of the Fall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, OR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, AT 10 A.M. OR 1:30 P.M. OR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AT 1:00 P.M. (AGES 3 - 6).
Discover why a bounty of colorful leaves fall in Autumn each year. Why does one leaf become red while the others turn brown, orange or yellow. We will make a cool leaf craft to take home. Registration required.

Homeschool: Legends of the Fall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, AT 10:30 A.M. OR 1:30 P.M. (Ages 3 - 6)
Discover why a bountiful of colorful leaves fall in Autumn each year. Why does one leaf become red while the others turn brown, orange or yellow. We will make a cool leaf craft to take home. Registration required.

Homeschool: American Frontiers

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, AT 10:30 A.M. OR 1:30 P.M. (Ages 7 & Up)
In this program, students will discover the fascinating world of Missouri’s prairies. We’ll take your class on a journey learning about the wildlife, plants, and people of the beautiful grasslands. Learn about the Native Americans who lived there, their lifestyle and entertainment. See how the American bison influenced the way of life and landscape. Understand how it all changed with the migration of settlers. This is one program you won’t want to miss! This program is 1.5 hours and includes a hike.



Photo by Michael Freeman



Photo by Kathy Vogt

Tellabration!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AT 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Come celebrate the international day of storytelling! Hear animal stories and see live animals. Hear stories from the River and Prairie-weavers Storytellers as they narrate ancient myths and nature stories. Tellabration sure will delight you and your family of all ages! Registration required.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Families Missouri’s Raptors

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, AT 1:00 P.M.
Watch as we dress up one of the kids as an eagle. During the transformation, we will learn the special adaptations that set birds of prey apart from other animals. We will sit back and enjoy a closed-captioned film on the amazing bald eagle. Registration required.

Grandma’s Story Hour

SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, & 23, DECEMBER 7, 14, & 21 AT 1:30 P.M.
Grandma has some new and exciting nature stories to share with the young and old alike. Join us as she spins a tale or two. No registration required. (All Ages.)

Thank You to those who participated in Burr Oak Woods’ “Art in the Forest” photo competition. Stop by the Nature Center and see the beautiful display.



2nd Place Ages: 7 – 10

Photo by Trevor Brewster



3rd Place Ages: 11 – 17

Photo by Dona Riues



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2nd Place Ages: 11 – 17



3rd Place Ages: 18 & up

Photo by Joy Lynn Kaestner

December Events

Squaw Creek Adventure Trip

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 8:00 A.M. (AGES 5 & UP)
Grab your parent! We are heading to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge in search of our nation’s symbol, the majestic Bald Eagle. We will have the opportunity to meet a live eagle, up close and personal. Then we’ll grab our coats and mittens. We have been assigned a special mission to discover the wild eagles that live at the refuge. Don’t forget your binoculars! Registration and \$5 per person bus deposit required for this program. Registration deadline is November 29th.



Kids Craft Day

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT 2:00 P.M. (AGES 3-12)
This is an open event, no registration required. Kids get a chance to create unique nature gifts for family and friends. We provide the materials. Come for the fun and take some time to explore the Nature Center. No registration required.

Winter Movie Fest

DECEMBER 26, 27, & 28 AT 10:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.
Drop in to see some really cool feature films for free! Video topics will include: White Fang, The Bear, and Wilderness Family. Make some time with your family and drop by for an hour or two. It will sure beat waiting in lines at the mall. Popcorn will be served! No registration required.

Adults Only: Nature’s Holiday Crafts

Discover unique ways to welcome family and friends into your home by creating shimmering, colorful, traditional symbols from nature’s bounty. We will provide some natural items. Please bring any trimmings that you would like to use from home. From the front door, to the fireplace, to the holiday table, bring the magic of nature into your home this holiday season. Registration required. Sign up for one or all three. Each program will offer a different project.

THANKSGIVING CRAFT:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AT 10:00 A.M. OR 2:00 P.M.

WINTER HOLIDAY:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 10:00 A.M. OR 2:00 P.M.

WINTER HOLIDAY:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 10:00 A.M. OR 2:00 P.M.

EAGLE DAYS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 & 8
There are few natural events more spectacular than a visit to see the annual migration of bald eagles and tens of thousands of snow geese at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge in Mound City, Missouri. The event is free. For more info, call 816/ 228 - 3766.



Photo by Aileen McComas



Photo by Pamela Coon